Bible & Daily Living

Meaning in life

By WILLIAM TRIMYER

Life without meaning is no life at all. Without meaning there can be no sense of hope for the future. Meaning is that which brings us joy; it is something or someone that adds to life and gives us purpose for living.

Everyone needs something or someone that gives life meaning and purpose. Life would hardly be life without families, friends, work, hobbies, gardens, and vacation spots. Added to this list is the major ingredient of faith. Life without faith can be terribly bland and unfulfilling. Faith adds to our life and gives us guidance and strength to face life's struggles.

Meaning is that which gives roots to one's soul. We all need some kind of anchor to which we might attach our shaky lives, some set of values or beliefs that give life structure and purpose.

In this week's lesson we will focus upon the ways in which God called his people and formed a covenant relationship. Such a study will reveal how important God's people are to him.

PROMISE OF A NATION [Genesis 15:1-6]

Out of a remote town an unknown man becomes the father of a great nation of people. Later on in his pilgrimage Abraham wrestled with the fact that he and Sarah were childless. It appeared there would be no son to become heir to Abraham and Sarah. Having a daughter did not count in those days!

It is inspiring to think that God maintained his promises and made it possible for Sarah to bear a son. Of course, Sarah was the last one to believe that she would bear a son in old age. She even laughed at such a notion!

In the end Abraham and Sarah believed in the promise of God and experienced his blessing in the form of a son. A simple act of faith changed the course of their life and history.

PROMISE OF A NEW LAND [Genesis 15:7,18]

We will recall that Abraham and Sarah exercised an earlier act of faith when they "pulled up stakes" and moved from Haran to Caanan. It is not necessarily easy to leave the comforts and security of the familiar to brave the unfamiliar and insecure surroundings in a new land.

But if our faith tells us anything, it tells us to believe and be strengthened by the promises of a God who does not fail his people. Even though life's circumstances do not always turn out the way we want or hope, we can cling to the fact that God does care for his people. We may question that in the face of tragedy or pain, but we know that our world has its hazards and that Jesus himself experienced life's cruelest blows. In the end God redeems the darkness into light.

Abraham received not only a son but the promise of valuable real estate. The people of God were promised a land that "flows with milk and honey."

We know, however, that because of wars and sin the people of Israel never really settled in all the land that was initially outlined in the promise.

MAKING OF A COVENANT [Genesis 15:23,17]

God instructed Abraham to prepare for a ceremony in which he killed certain animals and divided them in half. Abraham was unable to complete the ceremony, for he fell asleep. The scriptures indicate that God completed the ritual and sealed the covenant with Abraham.

A covenant implies that two parties will fulfill certain commitments. Unlike a contract, a covenant represents a commitment that is binding on both parties. It doesn't imply that one does not sin or suffer, but in the case of God and Israel the covenant meant that God would not forsake his people, but would bring about his purposes in spite of their wayward behavior.

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Two churches decide to come together

The congregations of the Bethel Bible Church and the Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church have voted to merge into one body of believers to be known as the Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church.

A special service is planned for this coming Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when these two congregations join together in worship and service to God in the Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church located 212 Church Street.

The Rev. L. H. Garner, superintendent of the Eastern Virginia Conference will be speaking and welcoming the Rev. David Grove and the Bethel Bible Church congregation into the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Rev. R. D. Bray will serve as pastor of the church with the Rev. David Grove serving as associate pastor.

The Rev. Grove is to be commended for the fine work he has done at Bethel Bible Church during the past 5 ¾ years. He and Mrs. Grove began services in their own home in April 1977 with 10 or 12 persons in attendance. By June 1977, their number increased to about 20 and they moved into the old Reynolds Store building on Linden Street where they have been worshipping for the past five years.

Under the leadership of the Rev. David Grove the church membership has grown to a total of 96 with 70 converts and 72 baptized in water. The church during this period ordained two ministers, licensed 1 minister and has helped to support two missionaries.

The purpose and intent of this merger is to establish a strong and friendly Full Gospel Church with a family atmosphere where everybody feels welcome to worship and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastors R. D. Bray and David Grove extend a hearty welcome to all.

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Church News

Homecoming, revival set for local church

Homecoming and revival services are scheduled for Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church beginning Sept. 12, according to the Rev. Curtis E. Wood, pastor.

The Homecoming service will be held Sept. 12, with Sunday School starting at 10 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

Revival services will be held from Sept. 13 through Sept. 19, starting at 7:30 p.m. each night. Old-time preaching and singing will be featured each night of the revival, according to the Rev. Wood.

The public is invited to attend the services, which will be held at the church located on Rte. 650 at Spout Spring.

Old-fashioned day set at Reedy Spring

Reedy Spring Baptist Church will be celebrating an old-fashioned homecoming September 12, 1982.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. The Rev. Clinton Brooks, former pastor, will be conducting worship service.

During the morning services the group "Three In One" will be singing. Immediately following worship service, dinner will be served.

The "Lighthouse Trio" will be singing in the afternoon.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Yellow Branch sets homecoming service

Homecoming at Yellow Branch Baptist Church will be Sunday, Sept. 19; and will feature Rev. Robert Gillispie at the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be served at 12:15 and a music program by "The Foundations" at 1:30 p.m.

The revival services will be conducted by Rev. Clinton Brooks and will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday.

Youth benefit set

A youth "Rock-a-Thon" will be held this Friday night from 7 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church in Spout Spring.

Young people of the church will rock in rocking chairs for that 10 1/2-hour period, and receive money pledged before the event for their rocking duration.

Proceeds from the event will be used for the church's youth program, according to the Rev. Curtis E. Wood, pastor.

Bloodmobile nets 111 units

Editor:

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Appomattox on Tuesday, Aug. 31. A total of 111 persons registered, with six deferred, making a net collection of 105 units. Our goal was 110.

A big 16 pins were awarded as follows: **Jane Perdue** received her six-gallon pin and next top donor was **Gail W. Craft,** who was awarded her four-gallon pin. A three-gallon pin went to **David L. Grishaw,** two-gallon pins went to **Miranda Dunn, the Rev. Paul E. Leonard, Jr., Harry T. Saxton, III, Iris G. Woody, and William D. Hix.** One-gallon donors were **Sharon A. Doss, Carolyn F. Woods, Virginia B. Tweedy, Mark E. Warren, Myrna Clark, Debbie D. Francis, Wayne C. Simpson, and Sandra F. Burks.** You can see we do have repeat donors. A very special thanks to each of you.

Our 11 first-time donors all came through with flying colors and we do hope they will all be repeats from now on. Our first one, **Brenda R. Bates,** assures us that she will be a regular donor as she really feels good about giving blood and it was so easy. Our second first-time donor was **Hattie H. Matthews,** and although she did not say how easy it was, she had no problems. **Marion Tolbert, Douglas R. Barksdale, Beverly K. Coleman, Charles K. Kress, Melodie A. Kress, Glenna O. Hix, David S. Nash, Peggy A. Gertner and Emily J. Steinkamp** were also first-time donors, and a special thanks to them, as well.

Memorial United Methodist Church was kind to offer their facilities for this visit and we do appreciate. Also, thanks to St. Anne's Episcopal Church for doing a great job serving the canteen. Thanks to Pepsi Cola Bottling, Foodworld and Traveller's Inn for their contributions to the canteen. Thanks to the help from the Junior Woman's Club members and all the volunteers. We can't do without you.

Next visit will be Oct. 26, 1982 at Liberty Baptist Church. See you then.

Sincerely

Alice C. Martin, chairman
Blood Services

Gospel festival set

There will be a Gospel Festival on Sunday, September 12 at seven o'clock in the evening in the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Appomattox.

Ten different great gospel groups including the Heavenly Gospel Singers, The Toms Sisters, The Adams Family, The Heavenly Messengers, Sensational Harmoneers and many others will be taking part in the program.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Revival set for Hixburg

The Rev. Steve Crotts will conduct revival services at Walker's Presbyterian Church at Hixsburg on Sunday, Sept. 12 thru Thursday, Sept. 16.

Services will begin at 8 p.m. There will be special music nightly, and a nursery will be provided.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Letter

Thanks extended

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the people of Appomattox. You always hear the statement "Appomattox is a great place to live." Well once again, it was proved to be true during the "Jerry Lewis Telethon".

To the volunteers, especially the clowns, who gave so freely of their time to man the telephones, run the games, solicit donations, and generally just helped where they were needed, "thank you".

To the local merchants who donated all the refreshments to support this "Telethon", thank you.

To the "Country Drifters" who donated their time to entertain the people who came out, "Thank you".

To WTTX and Dave Johnson, who broadcasted live from the Town Office during the day, "Thank you."

To my fellow employees, friends, and my family for their support and help, "Thank you and I love you all".

And without ALL OF

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WHEN? SEPT. 12

WHERE? Bible Baptist Church in Appomattox

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Preaching Service — 11 a.m.
AFTERNOON SERVICE— 2:30 p.m.
No Evening Service

Dear friends,

"I want to personally invite you to visit our church. In this day and age in which we live every family needs a church where the precious Word of God is preached, taught and believed. We need it. **OUR CHILDREN MUST HAVE IT.** *Bible Baptist Church is such a place. We would consider it an honor to have you visit with us. May God bless you in a special way."*

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Food content

Watch your sodium

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

All food groups have their highs and lows in sodium content. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, you can easily choose a varied diet that has only a moderate amount of sodium. It is not too difficult to cut down on the amount of sodium that you consume. Many foods contain sodium as a part of their normal chemical composition. For example, baking powder and baking soda are sodium compounds. Some of the most common flavorings are high in sodium. These include soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, pickles, olives, garlic and garlic, onion and celery salts.

Many processed foods contain added sodium. Salted or brined meats and fish are obviously higher in salt than the uncured forms. Many canned vegetables are packed in a salt solution or brine, such as sauerkraut and dill pickles.

Frozen vegetables with added sauces, mushrooms or nuts are higher in sodium than the plain varieties. Canned and frozen fruits are usually processed without added salt, but some companies add a small amount to keep certain fruits from turning dark. Some canned and frozen fruits and most canned whole tomatoes are dipped in sodium hydroxide so that they can be easily peeled. This process causes the food to have high sodium levels than found in fresh fruits.

It is especially important for persons on salt restricted diets to read ingredient labels carefully to see which, if any, sodium compounds were added in processed foods. The items listed first on the label are present in the largest amounts. Some chemical ingredients to look for on labels are: Monosodium Glutamate or MSG, Sodium Saccharine, Sodium Phosphate, Sodium Citrate, Sodium Scinate, Sodium Benzoate and Sodium Nitrate.

If you or a family member are concerned about your sodium intake, we have available free from our Extension Office an excellent leaflet entitled "Sodium in the Diet." This was prepared by Dr. Anne Hertzler, Nutrition Specialist, VPI & SU. You may call us at 352-8244 or write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522 to receive a copy of this free information.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may reach us at the above address. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you. The reason for doing this article is that we have had a large number of requests recently concerning sodium in the diet.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Green Tomato Pickles
7 pounds green tomatoes
1 gallon of water
4 cups pickling lime
4 pounds of sugar
1 gallon vinegar
¾ cup pickling spices
1 stick cinnamon
1 tablespoon alum

Mix pickling lime and water well, letting any lime that does not dissolve settle to bottom. Select, wash, dry and slice tomatoes. Pour off lime water and add sliced tomatoes to it. Do Not Use Aluminum Ware. Soak 24 hours, then wash each piece well under running water and dry. Mix sugar and vinegar and pour over tomatoes. Soak 12 hours. Add spices and bring to boil. Cook at that poin for 30 minutes. Place in churn or glass jars. Yields approximately 8 pints.

Good news for homemakers

By Shirley Walton
Extension Agent

UDC to meet

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Thursday, September 16 at 11:45 in the Country Fare Restaurant.

Please note the change in time.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

Robertson in hospital

Shearer Robertson is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Canning contest conducted here

The Third Homemaker and 4-H Canning Contest was conducted on Tuesday, August 24, at Appomattox County High School Cafeteria. This contest was sponsored by the Appomattox County Extension Office. Participants were homemakers and 4-H'ers from Appomattox County.

Prizes were provided the Ball Corporation Consumer Products Division, Appomattox Hardware and Poe Hardware.

Winners in their area of participation are as follows:

4-H Menu Planning Contest: 1st Place - Denise Drinkard

4-H Canning - Class 1- Fruits: 1st Place - Jennifer Alvis; **Class 2 - Vegetables** -1st Place - Jennifer Alvis; 2nd Place - Wendy McClenny; **Class 3 - Pickles & Relishes** - 1st Place - Jennifer Alvis; 2nd Place - Timothy Drinkard.

Homemakers Canning: Class 1 - Fruits: 1st Place - Mrs. Margaret Lee; 2nd Place - Mrs. Lizzie Jamerson; **Class 2 - Vegetables:** 1st Place - Mrs. Edna Snell; 2nd Place - Mrs. Margaret Lee; **Class 3 - Pickles & Relishes:** 1st Place - Mrs. Margaret Lee; 2nd Place - Mrs. Ruby Inge; **Class 4 - Jams & Jellies:** 1st Place - Mrs. Grace Miner; 2nd Place - Mrs. Isabelle Coleman.

Congratulations to each of these winners. Each first place winner received a gift certificate for a set of canning jars and a prize from one of the two hardware stores. Each second place winner received a gift certificate for a set of canning jars.

Make plans now to enter the 1983 Canning Contest. This will be held during the latter part of the first week of September. If you have questions about how to prepare your foods for a contest, please call our office.

We also encourage each of you to enter canned goods in the Five County Fair. These are to be taken to the fair on Monday, September 13, and will be taken from the Appomattox County Extension Office by 10:00 a.m.

Many thanks to each person who work with and assisted with this contest.

Oakville club to meet

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will hold its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, at the Oakville School.

Indoor plants will be the topic for the program, with Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin as program leader.

Each member is requested to bring an indoor plant to exchange with other members.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Elizabeth Marsh, Mrs. Elsie Lucado, Mrs. Linda Phelps and Mrs. Mary Moore.

Menus

Elementary School Menu

Thursday, Sept. 9 - Chicken Pot pie, tomato and lettuce salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday, Sept. 10 - Fish fillet, hot rolls, buttered corn, green peas, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Monday, Sept. 13 - Ham patties with bun, seasoned mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, Sept, 14 - Hot dog on bun, cole slaw, potato triangles, diced pears, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 - Barbecued chicken, hot rolls, green beans, creamy potatoes, purple plums, milk.

Appomattox Primary School Menu

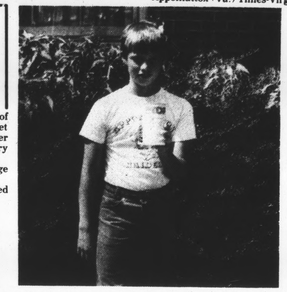
Thurs., Sept. 9 Hamburger, Lima Beans, Fruit, Milk.

Fri., Sept. 10 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Corn on cob; Blackeye peas, Dessert Milk.

Mon. Sept. 13 Sausage Pattie, String Beans, Apple Sauce, RollW/Butter, Milk

Tue., Sept. 14 Beans and Franks, Slaw, Peaches, Roll W/Butter, Milk.

Wed., Sept. 15 Spaghetti, Tossed salad, Greens, Dessert, RollW/Butter Milk.



DAVID P. O'BRIEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O'Brien of Appomattox, worked for two to three weeks in front of Wilbun's Supermarket collecting donations for the "Kids Against Muscular Dystrophy" fundraising drive sponsored by Hickory Farms. David collected an astounding amount during that time, and as of Monday the total was near $1,200, a personal record for himself and possibly a state record for the most collected by an individual youth. Last year, David collected $837 and won a bike from Hickory Farms for his efforts, and he again this year won the Hickory Farms contest. David expressed his thanks to the several thousand people who made contributions, as well as Gerald Wilbun, for allowing him to work in front of the supermarket. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Family reunion slated

The Daye and Ayers family reunion will be held on Sunday, September 19 at the Woodman of the World Building in Appomattox.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

Thanks offered

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THE ABOVE, we could never have held this "Telethon". Thank you so very much and I'm proud to live in Appomattox.

Sincerely,
Bobbie H. Mullins,
Chairman
Jerry Lewis Telethon

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